

REMARKS

Applicant notes that claims 1, 11, 16, 22-26 have been amended herewith. Independent claims 1, 22 and 25 have been amended to clarify the structure of the security system. For example, claim 25 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a security system keypad and a security system control panel. The keypad and control panel are remotely located from each other. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, that the user interface device and control are integrated in a security system keypad. Claim 22 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a receiver for receiving a wireless signal encoded with an identifier that was retrieved by a security system keypad from a memory of the security system.

Independent claims 11 and 16 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, receiving a unique passcode from a user interface device, and determining whether the unique passcode matches a preset passcode and allowing access to the security system based upon said determination. Claims 23, 24 and 26 have been amended for consistency. Claim 5 has been cancelled with prejudice. No new matter has been added to the application by way of the aforementioned amendments. For example, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to pages 6, and 8-10.

Applicant submits that all of pending claims are patentably distinct from any of the cited references.

Notably, in the Final Official Action, claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wesby, U.S. Patent No. 7,027,808 in view of Crabtree.

The Examiner avers that Wesby discloses a security system with an object locator feature. While Wesby appears to superficially mention a security system, Applicant submits that Wesby does not teach a security system with an object locator feature or provide an enabling disclosure of same.

For example, Wesby discloses that

[i]n the area of remote facilities management, the remote asset management system provides a solution for an improved fire alarm and home security network for communicating directly with homeowners or directly with the emergency services in the case that there may be a fire at the location or when an unauthorized[sic] intruder has been detected. Furthermore, the same wireless local area network can be extended for the remote control of diverse consumer devices. A wireless telecommunications based fire alarm provides the means to achieve intelligent fire surveillance in areas where only radio network coverage is possible such as in remote areas where no fixed telecommunications infrastructure is present.

Col. 23, lines 7-19.

However, Wesby does not describe a “security system”. Notably, Fig. 2 (in Wesby) illustrates a wireless module 10 and PC 140. Tellingly, the remote asset management system of Wesby is controlled using a master wireless module 10 **embedded in a mobile phone**. The reference describes that each wireless module has the capability to communicate with a mobile telephone infrastructure.

In contrast, the claimed invention incorporates the locator feature into an existing **security system**. The claimed security system refers to a security system that is used in a home or a business to deter burglaries and detect fires. A security system, as disclosed in an embodiment of the invention, includes a central control panel 110 that communicates with a number of sensors via a wired or wireless path. The security system further includes a user interface device 140 that may be the primary interface between the human user and the security system. The user interface device 140 is commonly provided as a wireless device to allow it to be permanently installed in the home without running wire, such as by affixing it to a wall.

Notably, claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that the user interface device and control are integrated in a security system keypad. Applicant submits that Wesby fails to teach this limitation. Further, claim 25 recites both a security system keypad and a control panel. The control panel transmits a wireless signal to the tag responsive to an enable signal from the keypad. Applicant submits that Wesby fails to teach a security system keypad and control panel. Additionally, Wesby fails to teach the claimed functionality of the keypad and control panel.

The advantage of the present invention is that the locator feature can use existing wireless communication components and existing transmitting and receiving protocols of the control panel and/or user interface device of the security system.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that neither reference teaches receiving a unique passcode from a user interface device, nor determining whether the unique passcode matches a preset passcode and allowing access to the security system based upon said determination, as recited in claims 11 and 16.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1, 11, 16, 22 and 25 are patentably distinct from the cited references based at least upon the above-identified analysis.

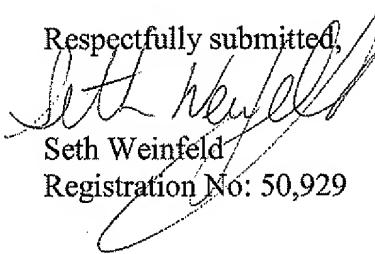
Further Applicant submits that claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-15, 17-21, 23, 24, and 26 are patentably distinct from the cited references based at least upon their dependency, whether directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 11, 16, 22 and 25, respectively.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to allow claims 1-26.

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicits the Examiner to allow the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this application, the

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